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1. (Confidential - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, in the absence of Representative Nedzi, to tell him of Ambassador Helms' upcoming visit. Slatinshek suggested it would be a good idea for Helms to pay a brief call on Nedzi during his stay.

I told Slatinshek of our concern to push forward with our CIARDS retirement legislation and he agreed to give it prompt attention.

2. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Joel Merkel, Legislative Assistant to Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), and told him our General Counsel's office had been in touch with Frank Bartimo, Assistant General Counsel (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), ~~DOD.~~ about Merkel's draft language for section 2(5) of Senator Nelson's proposed resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Domestic Intelligence. Since Bartimo had found Merkel's language acceptable, we did not object to it although we felt there were better ways of accomplishing the same purpose. I said if we were asked to report on this resolution we would take the position that the Agency should either be given a full exemption or that language should be included to state that nothing in the provisions of the resolution should authorize the Joint Committee to examine investigative or surveillance activities conducted by CIA pursuant to law. Merkel said he was somewhat persuaded to accept our substitute language but then decided to use his language initially and then have the Senate Government Operations Committee formally request our comments and those of DOD. At that time we could submit our proposed language and the Committee could substitute it if it seemed advisable then.

STATOTHR 3. (Confidential - GLC) John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding his conversation with John Maury yesterday. He said the man named [] they talked about yesterday was not the [] who was associated with the Fund for Investigative Journalism which has sponsored [] recent efforts. STATOTHR

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